

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Houston****Project Title:**

Houston - Transportation Safety Project: Reconstruction of Substandard Roads

State Funding Requested: \$ 70,000**House District: 15 - H**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Engineering and reconstruction of substandard roads.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$295,600**

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
State Funds	\$225,000	08			\$225,000	
Total	\$225,000				\$225,000	

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

This project would fund the reconstruction of substandard roads in the Meadow View Subdivision. Due to their substandard state they pose severe transportation problems for residents, emergency vehicles and school buses. This project would solve these problems creating safer roadways for residents and allowing buses to more easily reach students while granting easier access to emergency vehicles. This will reduce the danger to residents and students.

Project Timeline:

2008-2009

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

Contact Name: Garland Forschen

Phone Number: 907-892-6869

Address: City of Houston

P.O. Box 940027

Houston, AK 99694

Email: garland@houston-AK.gov

Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No



CITY OF HOUSTON
Office of
Sandy McDonald, Acting Mayor
P.O. Box 940027
Houston, Alaska 99694

February 15, 2008

Senator Charlie Huggins
State Capitol, Room 119
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Huggins:

Please accept the attached documents as addendums to our CIP list. We appreciate your perusal of the attached and we hope it clarifies our need.

The cost breakdown for our CIP is:

CIP #2 – Two Animal Control vehicles (F-150) @ \$24,115 each	\$ 48,230.00
CIP #2 – Two Animal Control boxes @ \$11,300 each	22,600.00
ANIMAL CONTROL TOTAL	<u>\$70,830.00</u>
 CIP #3 Outfit 23 Firefighters @ \$1,527 each	
FIRE DEPARTMENT TOTAL	<u>\$35,121.00</u>

Sincerely,

Sandy McDonald
Acting Mayor

Attachments



CITY OF HOUSTON
Office of
MAYOR
STEVE FROST

The following lists for the City of Houston to submit our FY08 Capital Improvement Grant Program.

1. Reconstruct 2.08 Miles in the Meadow View Subdivision, including engineer.
W. Airola Dr. 0.50,
N. Bryan St. 0.19,
N. Wilhelm St. 0.41,
W. Birchwood Ln 0.45,
W. Cannon Dr. 0.26
N. Winfield Way 0.27
Total amount for 2.08 Miles is \$295,600.00
2. Purchase 2 Animal Control Vehicles outfitted with heated boxes.
3. Purchase Personal Protective Equipment for the Fire Department.
4. Purchase a vehicle for IIPD fully outfitted.
5. Technology upgrade for City Hall (To include but not limited to computers/laptops, digital recording system, & intercom system).
6. Purchase a 2 ½ ton Dump Truck with sander and plow, plus a Bobcat with attachments and trailer.
Dump Truck / Sander & Plow \$82,000.00
Bobcat / Trailer / Attachments \$70,000.00
Total for both \$152,000.00
7. Purchase a Tanker for the Fire Department
8. Dust Control; Pave 2.76 Miles of Bus Routes in the Enchanted Forest Subdivision Loop 2.
W. King Arthur Dr. 1.11
N. Anthony Rd. 0.43
W. Karen Ave. 0.25
Cheri Lake Dr. 0.50
N. Castle Dr. 0.17
Duke Dr. 0.02
Prince Charming Dr. 0.28
Total amount for 2.76 Miles is \$275,000.00
9. Purchase two office copiers, one for the Fire Department, one for the Police Department.
10. Purchase and install a Generator for the Fire Department.




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February 29, 2008

Representative Mark Neuman
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear representative Mark Neuman

Please accept the attached documents as addendums to our CIP list. We appreciate your consideration and hope this clarifies our need.

Sincerely,

Sandy McDonald
Acting Mayor



CITY OF HOUSTON
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Capital Improvement Project Transportation Safety Project

This project would include engineering and reconstruction of 2.08 miles of substandard roads in the Meadow View Subdivision. Currently these roads don't even meet pioneer standards and are in poor condition, lack sufficient right-of-way, sight distance, gravel base, drainage and also lack safe travel for emergency vehicles to pass one another. This could create hazard for emergency crews.

Currently during the winter months the Field Safety Supervisor for First Student has approached the city 3 times. The school buses have had to chain-up just to make it around the loop in Meadow View Subdivision, due to the steep grade and very narrow roads. Again, it makes this road situation very unsafe for students.

This Subdivision is also one of Houston fastest growing subdivisions, a total of 12 new HUD homes are planned to be built in the summer of 2008. This will only increase the problems created by the unsafe road conditions.

There are currently six roads in this subdivision that are in need of this repair to allow safe passage for all school buses, emergency vehicles and the general public.

The roads are:

W. Airolo Dr. 0.50
N. Bryan St 0.19
N. Wilhelm St. 0.41
W. Birchwood Ln 0.45
W. Cannon Dr. 0.26
N. Winfield Way 0.27

The total amount for engineering and reconstruction is listed below.

Engineering \$32,500.00

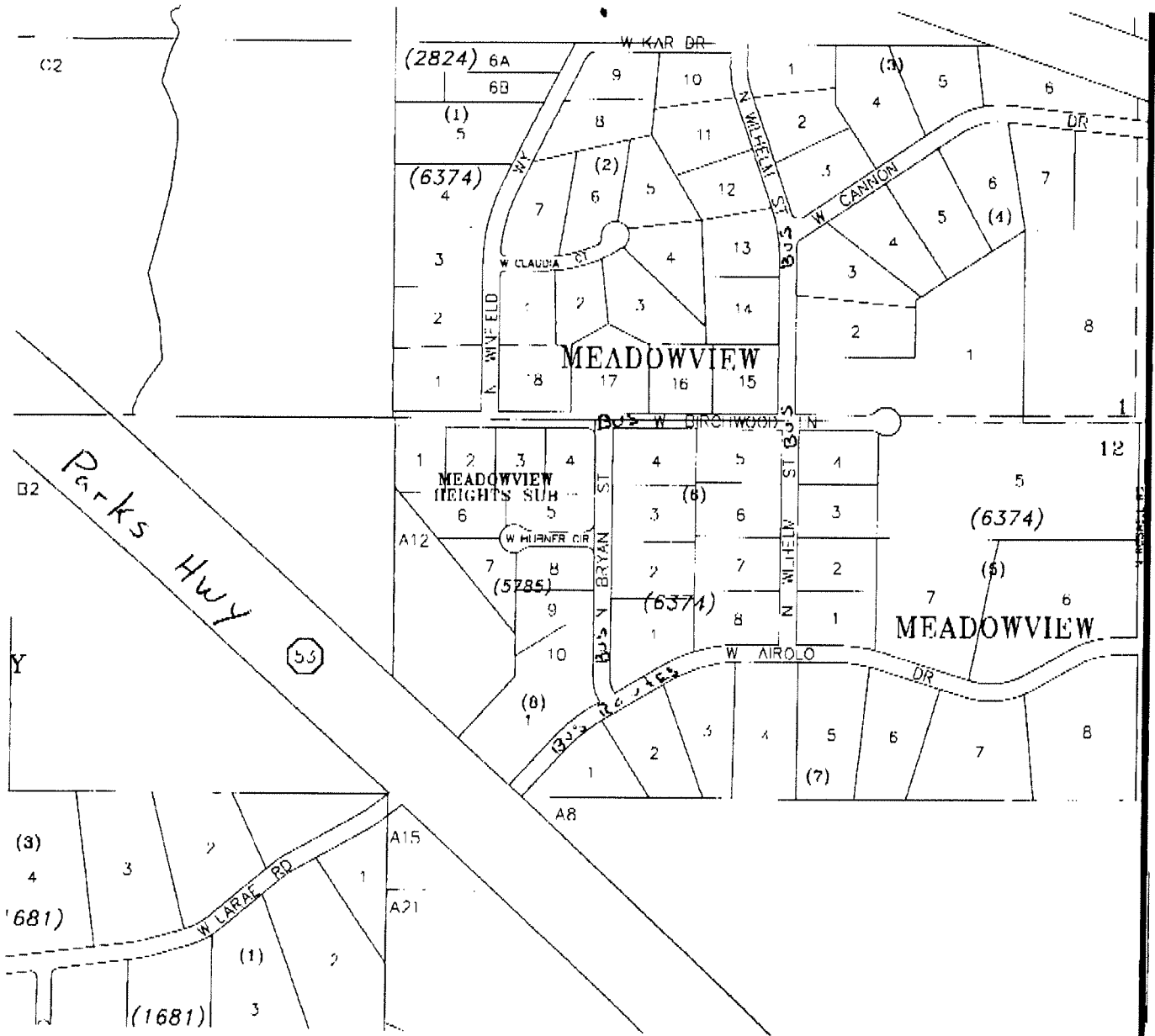
Reconstruction of all six roads \$263,100.00

Total for both \$295,600.00

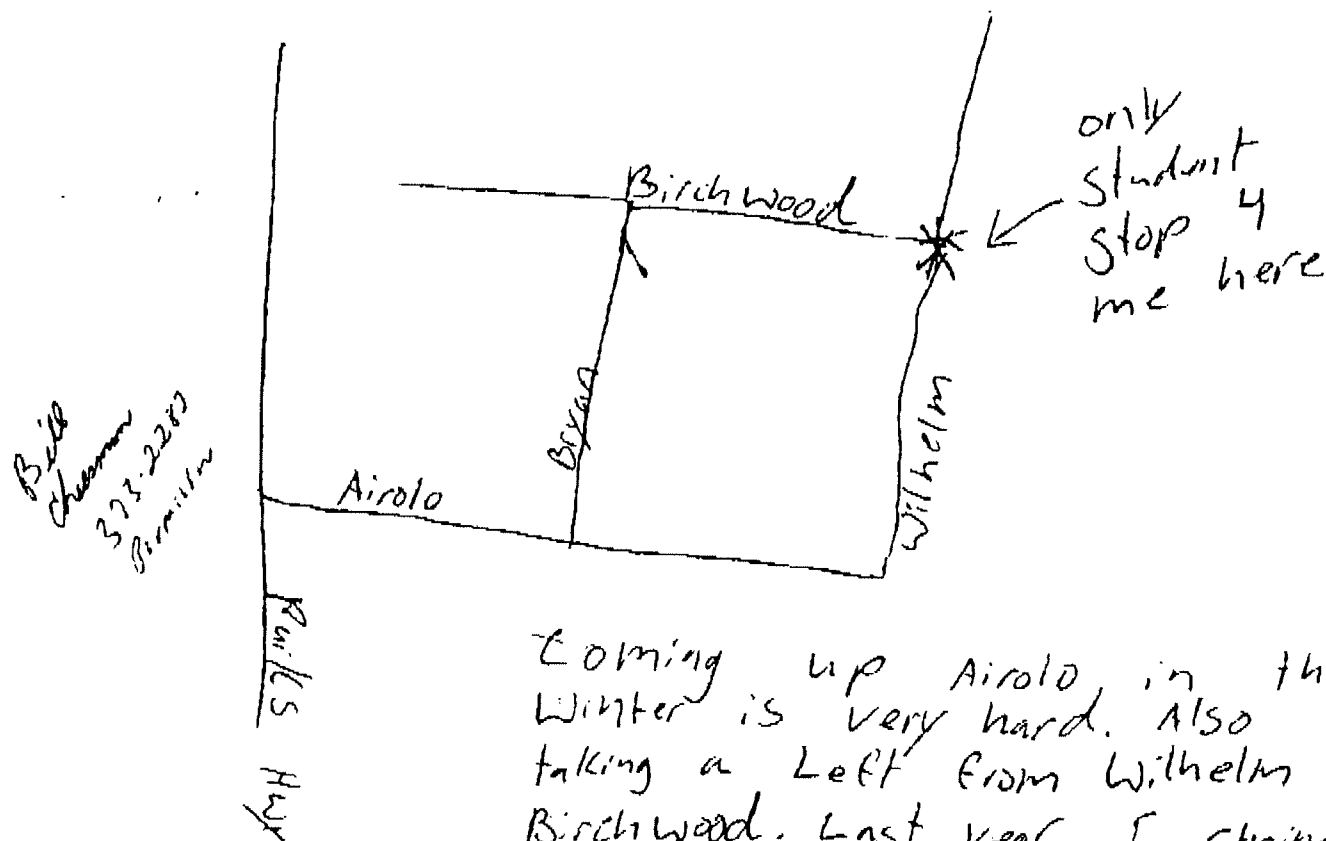
Sincerely,

Garland Forschen
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Public Works Director



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Coming up Airolo in the Winter is very hard. Also taking a Left from Wilhelm to Birchwood. Last year I chained up every day to go back in here.

Nick Kuipjuweit

Bus Driver from
First Student

10 - 12 - 2007

To: Roger Purcell

From: Eldon Jenkins

RE: Insta Chains

In response to your request for information regarding the drop chains on our buses; they work very well on ice and snow. Stopping and starting up on ice and snow and up to about 30 miles per hour. They work well up to about 3" of snow, they are not efficient in snow deeper than that.

Eldon Jenkins



Field Safety Supervisor
First Student